

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Riley and Lois Ziegler spent Christmas in The Woodlands with their two daughters, Karen and family, Delinda and family. Dean Ziegler joined the group Christmas Eve and ate Christmas lunch there, making a total of 23 family members present. Everyone enjoyed seeing Karen's lovely new home, the kids swam in the afternoon, and there was lots of picture taking, eating, visiting, singing, games and poems. Lois says they had a wonderful Christmas in The Woodlands.

County Holidays For the New Year

Holidays that Briscoe County will observe in 2003 include:

Martin Luther King, jr. Day-Monday, January 20

Presidents' Day-Monday, February 17

Good Friday-Friday, April 18
Memorial Day-Monday, May 26

Independence Day-Friday, July 4

Labor Day - Monday, September 1

Veterans' Day-Tuesday, November 11

Thanksgiving-Thursday and Friday, November 27-28

Christmas-Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 24-26

New Year's Day-Thursday, January 1, 2004

The courthouse will be closed on these holidays.

Fire Department Elects Officers

Members of Silverton Volunteer Fire Department met and elected new officers on Thursday night of last week.

Jay Long was re-elected president, and those chosen to serve with him were Tom Burson, treasurer; Trena Burson, secretary; Anthony Gamble, fire chief; James Smith, first assistant fire chief; Stan Gamble, second assistant fire chief.

The annual Fireman's Ball will be held at the showbarn in Silverton Saturday, February 15.

Immunization Clinic is Jan. 10

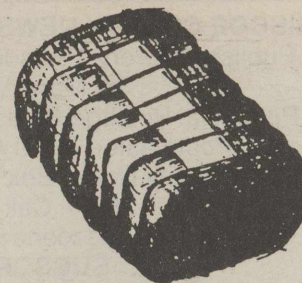
The next immunization clinic is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon on January 10, 2003 at the Silverton School.

The immunization clinic gives protection against childhood diseases, and is under the direction of the Texas Department of Health.



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Junior Livestock Show Slated January 9-11

The Briscoe County Junior Livestock Show will be held January 9-11 in the Vance Price Memorial Barn at the Valley School.

Steers, goats and sheep are to arrive at the show barn Thursday, January 9, and the hogs are to arrive Friday, January 10.

Weighing and sifting will be: Steers-3-4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9; sheep and goats-10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, and hogs-12 noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10.

Showing schedule includes steers, 5 p.m. Thursday; hogs, 8:30 a.m. Saturday; sheep, 7 p.m. Thursday; goats, immediately following the sheep.

City Shoe Shop Closes After 63 Years in Business

December 31 marked the official and permanent closing of one of Silverton's oldest continually-operated businesses. Perry and Estelle Thomas closed their boot-making and shoe-repair service business. Through the years, he had handmade numerous pairs of boots for cowboys and boot lovers in this area.

During World War II, when he was not in the Navy, he made sandals and shoes because of the scarcity of commercial shoes.

The Thomases extend their thanks to everyone for your patronage through the years and wish everyone a prosperous 2003.

Junior Owls Take 32-9 Victory From Olton Team

The junior Owls took a big 32-9 victory over Olton December 16. The scoring was led by Zak Perkins and Shane Estes, eight points each; Cooper Cogdell, five; Howard Elliot, four; Davin Fabela, three; Gabriel Vargas and Anthony Baeza, two points.

Junior Owls	2	18	23	32
Olton	1	1	4	9

Self-confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings.

Samuel Johnson

The gentoo penguin can swim at speeds up to 17 miles per hour.



Briscoe County officials who were sworn in Wednesday, January 1, 2003 at the courthouse were (left to right) Jeff Fuston, sheriff; Danny Maynard, commissioner of precinct 2; Bena Hester, county & district clerk; Connie Smith, justice of the peace, precinct 1; Gary Weeks, commissioner of precinct 4; Mary Jo Brannon, treasurer; Wayne Nance, judge.

Briscoe County News Photo

Roundball Teams Were Busy Through the Holidays

Silverton's basketball teams were busy in the days leading up to and through the holidays, playing games with Claude, Motley County, Wellman-Union and Groom. The most significant of these were the games with Groom, which opened District action, and which the Lady Owls lost and the Owls won on January 3.

The junior varsity Owls opened the series with Claude with a close 34-31 game on December 17. Humberto Vasquez led the offense by scoring 13 points. Adding to the score were Jacob Francis, nine; Albert DeLeon and Jesse Reynolds, three points each; Caleb Francis, two, and James Tiffin, one point.

JV Owls	4	13	20	31
Claude	8	20	24	34

The Lady Owls lost their match 50-35. Bryn Mayfield rang up 11 points and Lori Griffin added 10 to lead the locals. Also scoring were Jenny Young, six; Tarran Forbes and Krista Hale, four points each.

Lady Owls	12	20	27	35
Claude	17	33	43	50

The Owls followed with a heart-breaking 48-46 loss. The Owl offense was led by Red Ivory's big 23-point production. Also scoring were Darin Martin and Dustin Hale, six points each; Gid Mayfield and Ty Reed, five points each; Eric Minyard, one point.

Owls	17	30	36	46
Claude	17	25	41	48

The teams won their games from Motley County on December 20 by large margins.

Tarran Forbes had the hot hands and scored a big 26 points for the Lady Owls. Krista Hale and Kassie Strange both scored in double figures, getting 13 and 12 points, respectively. Also scoring were Jenny Young, eight; Bryn Mayfield, seven, and Lori Griffin, five points.

Lady Owls	26	44	60	71
Motley County	10	14	26	39

The Owls almost scored 100 points in their 97-42 victory. Led by the outstanding effort of Red Ivory, who canned 34 points, and Darin Martin, who rang up 25, the Owls held big leads at the end of each quarter. Also scoring were Payton Estes, 11; Dustin Hale and Caleb Francis, nine points each; Eric Minyard, three, and Ty Reed, one point. Red hit seven shots from downtown, Caleb hit three, Payton hit two, and Gid and Dustin hit one each from long range.

Owls	22	51	73	97
Motley County	8	20	26	42

The Lady Owls took a 43-32 victory from Wellman-Union on December 30. Leading the scoring were Lori Griffin, 12, and Kassie Strange, 11. Also scoring were Bryn Mayfield, nine; Kelsie Estes, five; Jenny Young, Tarran Forbes and Krista Hale, two points each.

Lady Owls	10	30	37	43
Wellman-Union	6	15	21	32

The Owls dropped their game to Wellman-Union 70-50. Darrin Martin led the scoring with 25 points, and Gid Mayfield also scored in double figures, getting 12. Adding to the score were Dustin Hale, seven; Payton Estes, three; Ty Reed, two, and Eric Minyard, one point.

Owls	15	30	30	50
Wellman-Union	11	39	56	70

The Lady Owls dropped their game 52-41 to Groom on January 3. The offense was led by Lori Griffin, with 15 points, and Bryn Mayfield, with 11. Rounding out the score were Krista Hale, six; Tarran Forbes, three; Kelsie Estes, Jenny Young and Kassie Strange, two points each.

Lady Owls	10	17	33	41
Groom	18	29	37	52

The Owls took a big 95-33 victory over Groom, led in scoring by Red Ivory, 26, Dustin Hale, 23, Darin Martin, 22 points, and Gid Mayfield, 15. Also scoring were Payton Estes, six, and Ty Reed, three points. Shots from downtown rained on the baskets, with Red getting three; Darin, one; Dustin, three, and Gid, three.

Owls	28	48	69	95
Groom	10	19	28	33

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AA-Al-Anon Meetings Mondays at 8:00 p.m. at Quitaque. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 26-tfnc

ALCOHOLICS Anonymous and Al-Anon Meetings, Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m., 111 N. Wall St. (1 block north of courthouse), Floydada, 1-806-983-3635. 16-tfnc

SILVERTON AA and Al-Anon Meetings. Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 23-tfnc

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God bless you all,
Dean and Theda Rowell
and the family of Orval Rowell

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Don Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison and Mr. and Mrs. Barry Francis for your donations to the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department. We thank you for your concern through your help.

We also thank each one for your gifts in memory of loved ones throughout the year.

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Silverton Volunteer Fire Dept.

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Skin Sense

facts from the experts

(NAPSA)-Whatever the season- shorts and sneakers or gloves and mufflers-one thing that doesn't change with the weather is the skin's need for sunscreen. Whether driving, playing sports or just walking around, the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays are there all year.

In the colder months, people are thrown off because the heat from the sun doesn't feel as prevalent, but the sun's rays penetrate even if temperatures are low. There are two different types of ultraviolet rays that penetrate the skin. UVB (ultraviolet B) are the rays that cause sunburns and are the strongest during the summer months. The lesser recognized is ultraviolet A-UVA. They are present year-round and cause wrinkling, changes in skin pigmentation and accelerate the aging process.

While many consumers make an effort to protect their skin from the summer sun, most people don't

consider sunlight to be harmful in the winter. Only three percent of the population wore sunscreen in the fall and just two percent in the winter according to a survey by the American Academy of Dermatology.

To get the best protection year-round, dermatologists recommend a daily skin-care regimen that includes products that contain UVA filters, and in particular Parsol® 1789, which provides the broadest UVA protection. Parsol 1789, coupled with UVB filters that provide a minimum sun protection factor (SPF) of 15, will give you broad spectrum protection against harmful UVA and UVB rays. These ingredients are available in sunscreens and moisturizers so you can choose the regimen that best suits you. You remember to brush your teeth every day, why forget to protect your skin?

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Tom Craiker, Minister

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.
Bible Study/S.S..... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Ladies Group.....4:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

MONDAY:
RAs, GAs, Mission
Friends.....3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
Mens Group.....6:30 a.m.

SECOND & FOURTH
TUESDAYS:
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.
TeamKID.....7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY
Ladies Prayer Group.....9:00 a.m.,
Weigh Down Workshop.....7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED
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SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.
Choir Practice..... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY:
Unit. Meth. Women..... 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
In-home Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:
Unit. Meth. Men..... 6:30 a.m.

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BAPTIST MISSION**

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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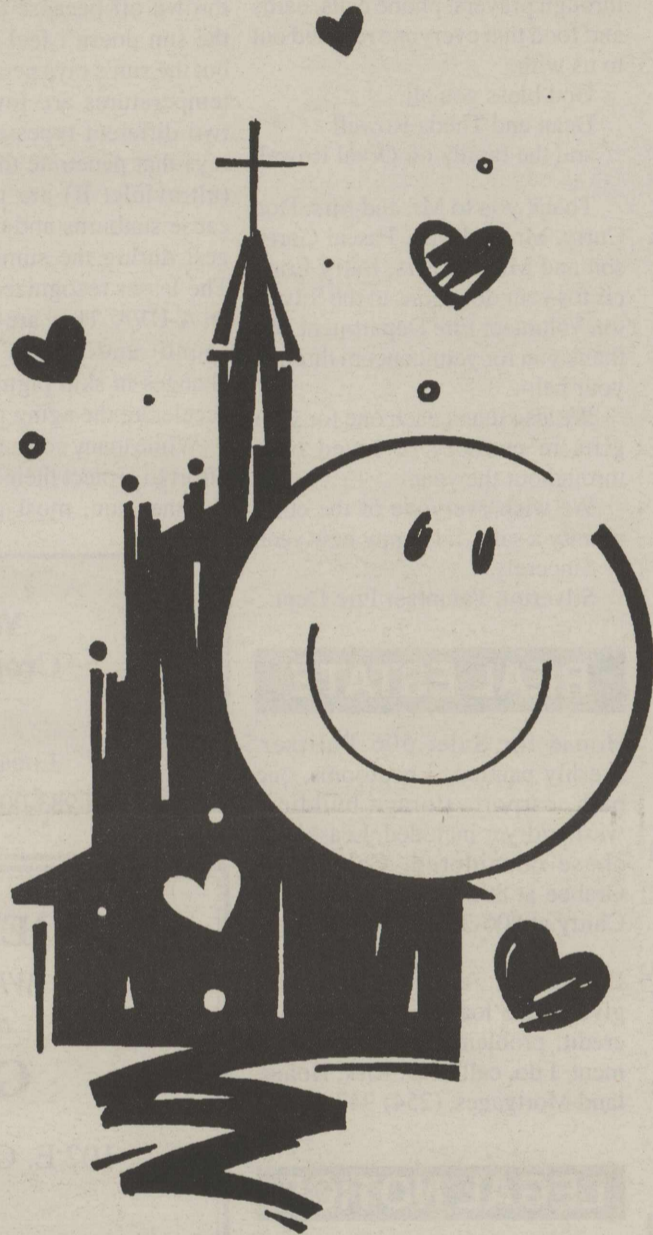
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WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service..... 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY-SATURDAY:
Prayer Meeting..... 9:00 a.m.

Are You A Happy Person?



*Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for
his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.*

K.J.V. Psalms 146:5

Are you usually a happy person? Do others see you as cheerful and content, and do they enjoy being around you? These may seem to be easy questions for us to answer; however, we should be aware that those around us may see us quite differently from how we see ourselves.

Happiness could be defined as a feeling of peace, contentment and well-being, and the absence of disappointment and sadness. We are living in a world where good, as well as bad things are happening to us and around us all the time, and the way we handle these different situations helps to develop our attitude. Developing a complete trust in God for the joys and disappointments in life will not only help to improve our outlook, but will draw us closer to our Lord and help to make our lives more pleasurable and less stressful.

Although we may not be able to control the unpleasant things of life, our faith and reliance on God will help us accept those things that we cannot change. God wants only the very best for us, and in return, He is only asking that we love and trust Him.

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Obituary

LUCILE W. SMITH

Memorial services for Lucile W. Smith, 79, of Quitaque were conducted at 11:30 a.m. Friday, January 3, 2003, at the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney with F.L. Montandon and Bill Sherman officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.

Mrs. Smith died Tuesday, December 31, 2002, at her residence in Quitaque.

She was born January 24, 1923 in Briscoe County to the late George Franklin Weast and Myrtle Lee Davis Weast. She attended school in South Plains and was graduated from high school in Silverton in 1939. She attended West Texas State University in Canyon and graduated from the University of Texas in 1942. She married Robert Lee Smith August 14, 1943 in Tampa, Florida. He preceded her in death February 10, 1988. She lived in Lockney for 37 years, 1943-1980; in Ruidoso from 1980-1999, and in Quitaque from 1999 until the time of her death.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney from 1945 until 1980. She was chosen

Lockney Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year and was involved in drama productions for the school and community. She was an avid gardener.

Survivors include one son, David Smith of Santa Fe, New Mexico; three daughters, Sandy Etigson of Ruidoso, New Mexico, Karla Gilliland of Baird and Robin Boedeker of Quitaque; one sister, Mrs. E. T. (June) Evans of Amarillo; eight grandchildren, Bob Taylor, Kristy Schlunter, Boone Gilliland, Annie Gilliland, Laura Gilliland, Luke Boedeker, Hannah Boedeker and Will Boedeker and four great-grandchildren, Gabriel Taylor, Tye Schlunter, Hope Taylor and Kayte Lynn Gilliland.

The family suggested memorials be to the Lockney Public Library, 124 S. Main Street, Lockney, TX 79241, to the Quitaque Public Library or the Ruidoso Public Library.

Freedom is nothing else but a chance to be better.

Albert Camus

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Oscar Wilde

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Rock Creek Church of Christ

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, January 13--Chicken Tetrazini, Salad, Garlic Bread, Milk, Fruit

Tuesday, January 14--Beef & Vegetable Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Milk, Jello & Fruit

Wednesday, January 15--Burrito, Salad, Chips, Milk, Hot Sauce, Cookie

Thursday, January 16--Ham Slice, Spinach, Macaroni & Cheese, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, January 17--North Dakota Chili, Cheese Sticks, Cornbread, Milk, Strawberry Shortcake

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, January 9--Board Meeting; JV & JH in Lazbuddie Tournament

Saturday, January 11--Lazbuddie JH & JV Tournament concludes

Friday, January 10--High School vs. McLean, here, 6:30 p.m.; Briscoe County Stock Show; Immunization Clinic, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Monday, January 13--7th vs. Olton, here; 8th vs. Valley, here

Tuesday, January 14--JV vs. Valley, here, 4:00; Varsity vs. Samnorwood, here, 6:30

Friday, January 17--High School vs. Hedley, there, 5:00

WEATHER

December Readings at 6:00 a.m. Daily

	High	Low	Precip.
1	64	35	
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19	54	32	
20	46	20	
21	59	19	
22	55	27	
23	39	27	.29
24	33	22	.44
25	31	13	
26	38	12	
27	35	16	
28	47	17	
29	64	27	
30	57	32	
31	54	24	

December Precip. 1.48
 Normal December Precip. .68
 Total Precip. in 2002 19.59
 Normal Annual Precip. 21.22

Friendship Quilters News & Notes by Bobby Bean

We had more quilters this week. Mary Tom Burson, Joy Stodghill, Nadyne Childress, Bobby Bean, Wanda Strange, Ann Norris, Diane Norris, Nina Martin and Christine King quilted. We finished Joy's quilt. We worked on Ann's Calen-

dar Quilt. It is a beautiful quilt, lots of applique and embroidery. Wanda will put her quilt up next week.

Bill and Evelyn Verden were recent overnight guests with Walter and Bobby.

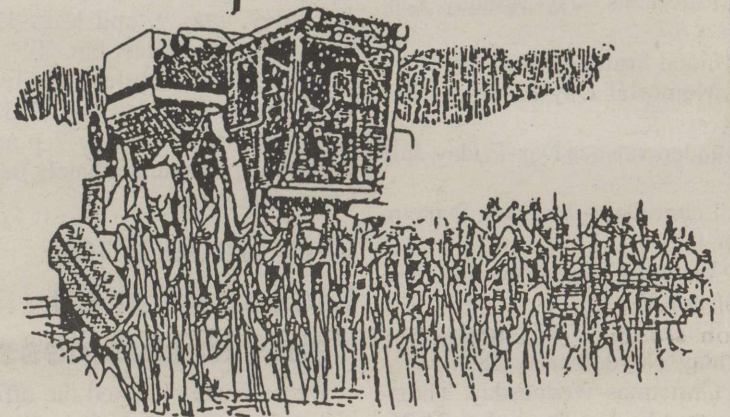
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BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

November 5, 1992--Clinton, Gore carry Briscoe County voting ... Firemen to have rematch in flag football with Quitaque Saturday ... Stoney and Jennifer Hubbard are parents of a daughter, Adrienne Jenae ... Martin Bean taken by death ... Owls won't be district champs again this year due to loss to Lazbuddie ... Chosen as Prince and Princess of the Fall Festival were Matt Strange and Amy Maciel. Selected as King and Queen were Leland Wood and Lacy Brunson ... Miss Donna Lisa Lavy became the bride of Joe Lane Covington in a double-ring ceremony here Saturday afternoon ... Mrs. Stan Fogerson was transported to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock early Monday morning by the Silverton Ambulance Service. She has been having problems with her back and doctors suspected a herniated disc ...

December 9, 1982--Silverton Tournament opens today ... Silverton's teams won trophies at Kress Tournament ... Public invited to Mackenzie ground-breaking ceremony ... Teen Retreat signup underway ... L. O. A. Junior Study Club honors Mary Ann Rauch and recognizes her accomplishments and service to Silverton students ... Mrs. Terry Grimland is guest speaker for Third Grade ... Pheasant hunting season opens here Saturday ... Officers and directors appointed for the community center project are W. H. Fitzgerald, chairman; Tina Nance, secretary; Cathey Weaks, treasurer; Mary Ann Sarchet, reporter; Polly Jarrett, Lanita Cantwell, Bailey Hill, Ashel McDaniel, Calvin Shelton and Tobe Riddell, directors ... Choirs to present program of popular music and Christmas songs ...

November 23, 1972--Area blanketed by seven inches of snow ... Brent Bean is junior high Pep Squad Beau ... Debbie Cantwell and John Burson honored as 4-H Gold Star award winners ... Merle Roehr injured a knee and broke his leg just below the knee in football workout last week ... Old Masters of Swing, a group of musicals mostly from Plainview, but including Pianist Jack Sutton of Silverton, will entertain the Silverton Lions Club Ladies Night ... Derrel Martin was a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital Thursday night and Friday of last week ...

November 8, 1962--Briscoe, Texas give nod to Democrats ... Friday night at the football game between the Silverton Owls and Lorenzo Hornets, the team Dads will be honored guests ... Crosbyton trips Owls 18-8 ... The badly-decomposed body of a 41-year-old Hobbs, New Mexico man

was found in a wrecked car at the bottom of a steep canyon east of here last Wednesday, more than 150 miles from his home. Briscoe County Sheriff Johnnie Lanham said last week that no leads had been found in the death ... Stephens Ford to sponsor local Punt, Pass and Kick contest Saturday ... Ronald Kitchens announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of his daughter, Sandra Jean, to Mr. Jerry Frizzell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Frizzell ... Filing cabinet: where papers get lost alphabetically ... Expert: a man who knows more and more about less and less until he knows practically everything about almost nothing ... Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jarrett are parents of a son, Brandon Lavon ... Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cantwell are parents of a son, Roger Alan ... Mrs. Lem Weaver, Tina, Max and Kathy Hughes visited Mr. and Mrs. James Ross Alexander and baby in Lubbock Sunday ...

November 20, 1952--Simpson Chevrolet gets award for safety efforts ... The local FFA Chapter entered five teams in the District Leadership contests at Plainview Saturday. Victor Fogerson, W. D. Rowell and Ronald Kitchens won first in the FFA Quiz. Victor and W. D. tied for high point individual in the entire contest with 91 points each. Jaye Turner, Teddy Jack Mayfield, Joe Wayne Brooks and Kenneth Stephens placed second in Senior Farm Skills. Jack Graham, Guinn Fitzgerald, Jack Williamson, Darrell O'Conner and Freddie Hamilton placed fourth in Radio Broadcasting. Clayton Elkins, Keith Whitfield, Keith Woods, Doc Simpson, Alton Riddell, Don Cornett, Grover Thomas and William Bailey placed fourth in Junior Chapter Conducting. Jimmy Wilson, Sid Marshall, Don Ledbetter, Harold Edwards, Steve Jarnagin, Douglas O'Neal, Robert Barrett and Charles Mayfield placed fifth in Senior Chapter Conducting ... Mr. and Mrs. Robert London, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Seaney, and Mr. and Mrs. Keyth Tiffin visited in Erick, Oklahoma Friday ... Mrs. Lee D. Bomar is substituting in the school this week until a third grade teacher can be obtained ... Mr. and Mrs. Wade Welch and daughter, Mary, moved to the Roy McMurtry ranch last Wednesday ... Arnold Brown, H. Roy Brown and J. F. Bingham attended the cattle sale in Tulia Friday ... H. L. McMurtry and daughter, Mary Faith, of Texline visited Wednesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cowser ... Those attending Mechanics School at Childress were H. A. Cagle, Joe Grabbe, Monroe Lowrey, Bill Womack and Jim Clemmer ...

November 12, 1942--T. J. Hodges was fixing fence about a half mile from the house Tuesday morning, and had his team waiting for him--only they didn't wait. He looked up and they were going for the house at top speed. Results--broken tongue on the wagon and Mr. Hodges' tongue was hanging out too, by the time he caught up with them ... Gas rationing is held up for a week ... October bond sales slightly under par ... The two eighth grades organized a Citizenship Club Wednesday, and elected the following officers: Thelma Jean Mercer, president; Betty Nan Burson, vice-president; Jean Brian, secretary; Jack Paige, vice-secretary and reporter; Lester Paige, treasurer ... Misses Carolyn and Janie Schott have given up their work at the Pantex Plant and are

now at home ... After weeks of unseasonable weather for picking, opening and everything else connected with a cotton harvest, operations have finally gotten underway and the last report from the Silverton Gin was that 295 bales had been ginned ... L. C. Whitaker, Fort Worth and Denver Railway agent here for the past year, dropped dead in the lobby of the Silverton Hotel from a sudden heart attack Sunday night ... Marriage vows were spoken by Pvt. Odell F. Johnston and Miss Josephine Thomas Monday afternoon. The bride was attractively dressed in soldier blue with black accessories. Mrs. Johnston is a popular member of the younger set in Silverton. Pvt. Johnston is formerly of Quitaque, but is now in the Army Air Corps stationed at

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January 9--Debbie Burk, Loyd Stephens, Larry B. Stephens, jr., Doris McDonald, Richard Roehr, Dewey Estes

January 11--Townlii Ziegler, Rex Holt, Cy Comer, Melissa Woods, Debra Grabbe

January 12--Cecilia Castillo, Jimmy Myers, Tomas Rampley

January 13--Mary Tom Burson, Cindy Reed, Dee Turner, Krista Hale, Leslie Miller

January 14--Shanea' Lynn Russell, Kathy Kingery, Rena Schott, Ann Payne, Ralph Hill

January 15--Crystal Miller, Juan Ramirez, Janet Henderson, Ashley Smith, Travis Self, Isaac Reyna

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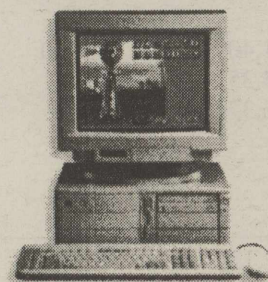
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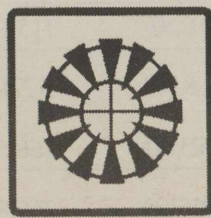
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Cotton Market weekly

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In a holiday-shortened week, trading on the New York Cotton Exchange was erratic amid end-of-the-year positioning as speculators and locals bought and sold.

Traders said there was a lack of fresh news to push the market strongly one way or the other. In the continuing search for fresh fundamental news, analysts and traders will be looking toward next week's Beltwide Cotton Conference, coordinated by the National Cotton Council (NCC).

The trading week was not completely devoid of news as the In-

ternational Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) raised its worldwide consumption figure and lowered its estimate for global cotton production in a report released on Thursday, December 26, 2002.

Worldwide 2002-03 cotton consumption was estimated at 94.4 million bales, higher than the committee's last estimate. According to the ICAC, below average cotton prices are motivating increases in world cotton use after almost no growth was seen during much of the 1990s. Consumption rose two percent in 2001-02 while

an increase of two percent is expected again this season, and a 1.5 percent climb is forecast for 2003-04.

World cotton production was pegged at 88.1 million bales, a decrease from the previous month's estimate. According to the committee, world cotton production is declining due to a reduction in planted area in response to lower cotton prices. In addition, lower yields caused by adverse weather also are causing production to fall.

In fact, cotton production was ratcheted lower by the ICAC in most of the major cotton producing countries with the largest reduction expected in the U. S., China and Australia. However, higher 2002-03 prices are expected to lead to an increase of cotton production in 2003-04, the committee said. The largest increases are forecast in China, Australia, Pakistan and India.

In other news, net export sales of 2002-03 U. S. cotton totaled 180,600 bales for the week ended December 26. The figure was one percent above the previous week but 26 percent less than the four-week average. Canada was the largest buyer of U. S. cotton for the week with purchases totaling 55,000 bales. Turkey and Indonesia also were featured buyers with procurements of 49,700 and 12,800 bales, respectively.

The same week, export shipments of U. S. cotton fell to

Coach and Mrs. Lee Honored With Wedding Shower Sunday Afternoon

A miscellaneous shower honoring Denise and Dewaine Lee was held in the Pioneer Room at City Bank in Silverton Sunday, January 6, 2003. Guests were registered in the bride's book and greeted by Sheryl Weaver.

Centerpiece for the refreshment table was a Silverton Owl football helmet holding a bouquet of red and white carnations. Serving the guests were high school athletes John Arnold, Chase Comer and Dustin Hale.

The hostess gift to the couple was 146,100 bales, 20 percent lower than the previous week and a 17 percent decrease from the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Hong Kong and Mexico.

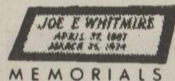
Meanwhile, sales on the spot cotton scene remained strong despite a shortened trading week due to the New Year's Day holiday. Sales of cotton online by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers in the four trading days ending January 2, 2003, totaled 31,979 bales, down from the previous week when 39,077 bales were sold. The average price received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 42.30 to 42.90 cents per pound compared to the previous week's range of 40.40 to 42.34 cents per pound.

was an outdoor grill. Hostesses for the occasion were Shana Strange, Tina Nance, Kim Mayfield, Michelle Francis, Colleen Reed, Missy Forbes, Ramona Martin, Sheryl Weaver, Juannah Jennings, Joni Bomar, Lana Burson, Patsy Towe, Ruby Lee, Dixie Johnson, Nancy Young, Dorothy Martin, Donna Francis, Pat Fitzgerald, Estella Juarez, Janice Kirchoffner and Mary Lane Younger.



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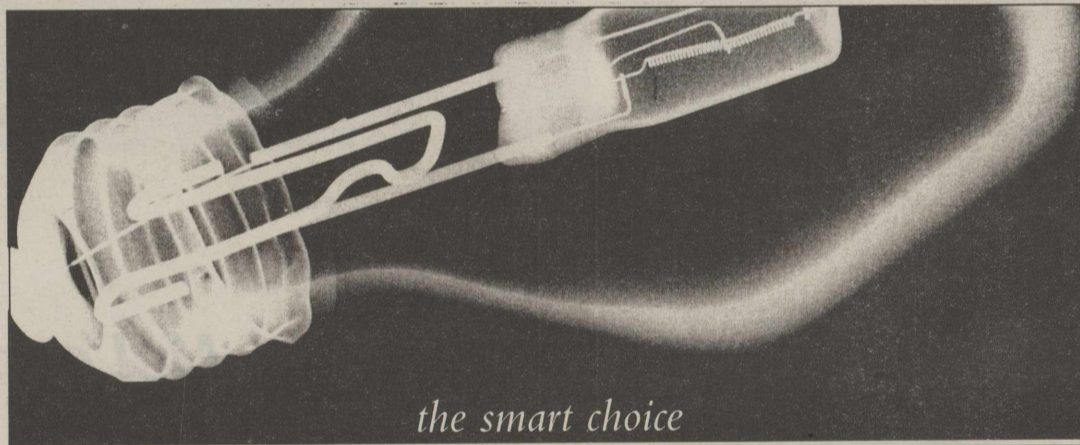
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Briscoe County News



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From Coal Lamps to Light Bulbs

Most of our members are too young to remember when "lamp" meant "coal oil lamp." Heck, so are we. 1937 is the year most cooperatives started spreading the light. Before then, farms and ranches depended on wood stoves and coal oil and ice blocks for light and cooking and refrigeration. At the time, private power providers didn't see any profit in putting electricity in "the sticks."

So rural families got together and formed electric cooperatives, and with the help of government loans, did it themselves. Just ordinary people, many of them our grandparents and great-grandparents, but they spread the light in the dark land between the cities. All because they believed in the power of people working together: cooperation.

Electric deregulation is based on the belief that competition is better than cooperation. Put electricity on the market and it'll be cheaper. Maybe, maybe not. For now, Swisher Electric Co-op has decided not to opt in to deregulation, at least till we're sure it's right for our members. We think the smart choice is to "wait and see." After sixty years, we've learned a little patience and that what's good for city folk doesn't necessarily apply out here. For more information, visit our web site or call your local Smart Choice Cooperative.



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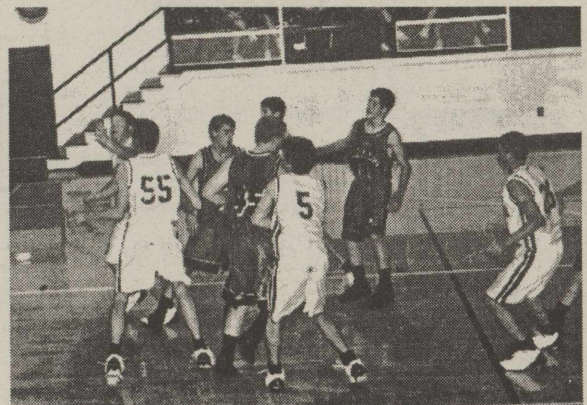
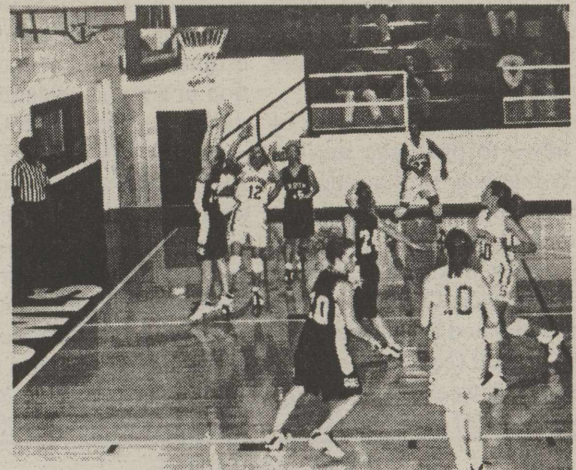
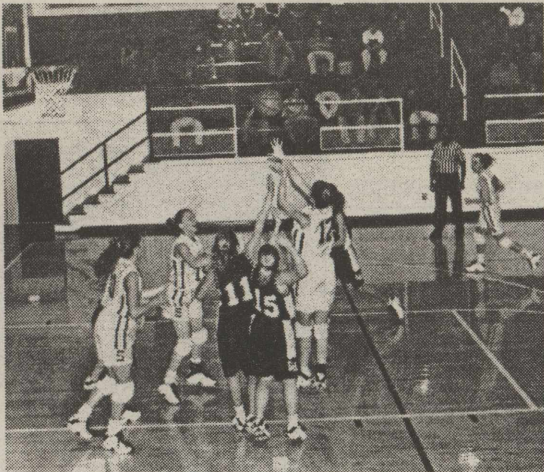
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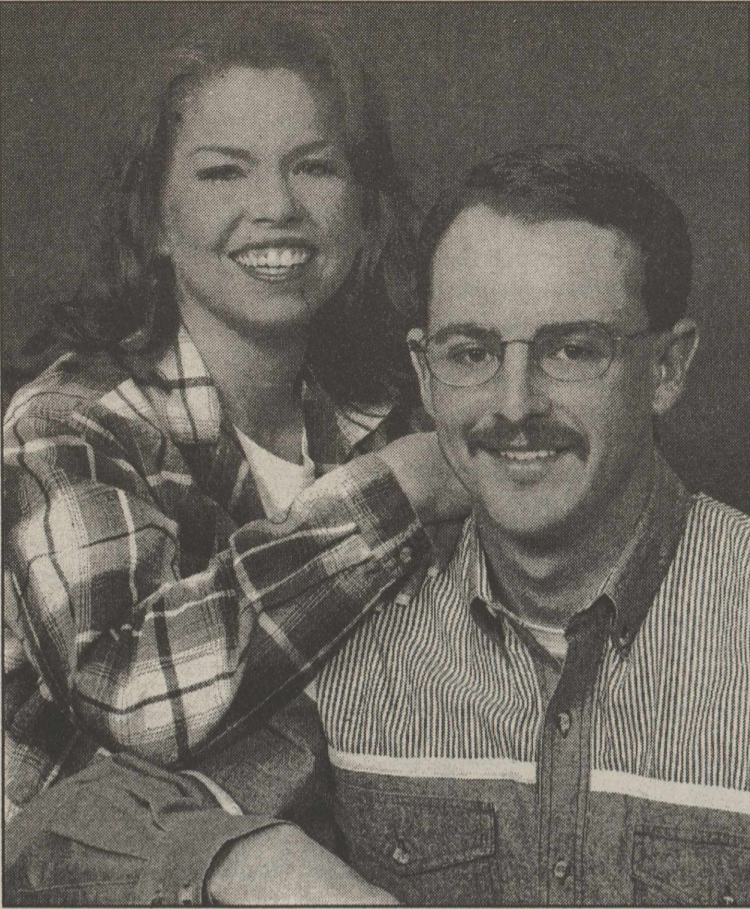
Silvertown Varsity vs. McLean, Here January 10

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7th Grade -Groom Here, 8th Grade- Olton Here, January 13

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Sara Maria Ober and Dusty Wayne Martin

Couple Selects Wedding Date

Sara Maria Ober and Dusty Wayne Martin have selected April 26, 2003 as their wedding date. Vows will be exchanged at Central Church of Christ in Tulia, and the couple plan to reside in Silverton following their marriage.

Miss Ober is the daughter of James and Juanita Ober of Tulia. She is a 1996 graduate of Tulia High School and majored in cosmetology at Amarillo College of

Hairdressing, finishing in 1997. She is self employed at The Studio and part-time at Brown Power & Equipment in Tulia.

Her fiance is a 1993 graduate of Silverton High School. He attended West Texas A&M University and is employed by Brown Power & Equipment in Tulia and is a self-employed welder.

He is the son of Gary and Ramona Martin of Silverton.

Grumpy Old Men, Ya-Ya Sisterhood Meet at Lake

The Brown Sisters (the original Texas Ya-Ya Sisterhood), their spouses (the original Texas Grumpy Old Men), and the brilliant offspring of this talented group met at Lake Brownwood on December 26, 2002 to end the year with a family reunion.

When not playing bridge, 42, dominoes, or other games, the Grumpy Old Men cussed and discussed the football games, coaches, rules of the games, and what they did (or didn't do) in their youth, and the Ya-Ya Sisterhood laughed and reminisced about the days when children were safe in school and temptations were limited.

A good bit of time was spent assembling the "mystery" jigsaw puzzle. Of course it wouldn't have taken that much time if certain folks would wear glasses and make sure the puzzle pieces actually fit! In the end the puzzle provided evidence that the mother-in-law was murdered by the man with the eye patch, or the son-in-law or whoever.

Those enjoying the games, food and companionship were Faye and J. L. Self, Silverton; Ann and Duane Wright, Austin, and grandson Jason Wright; Joy and Clayton Wood, Kilgore; Faith and Rex Redies, Plainview; Jan Tooley, Lazbuddie; Joshua Tooley, Abilene; Traci, Lucas and Hannah



Norma Jean Trevino and Jason Wade Jones, along with their children, are pleased to announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Vows will be exchanged February 14, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Silverton Church of Christ. The bride is a graduate of Silverton High School and is employed by the USDA-Farm Service Agency. The prospective groom is a graduate of Palo Duro High School and is employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice system.

Lima, Fort Worth; Kelly Mancha and Christopher Wood, Las Cruces; Colby Self, Austin; Kathy, Micky and Bethany Woodard, Idalou; Joni Daniels, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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William Shakespeare, Antony and Cleopatra

In cooking, as in all the arts, simplicity is the sign of perfection.

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Forgive but never forget.

Attributed to John F. Kennedy

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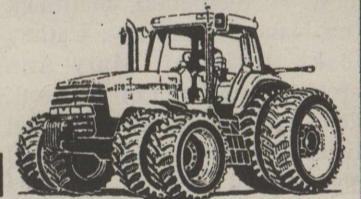
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MACKENZIE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

	Operation & Maintenance Fund	Debt Service Fund	Water Supply Fund	Recreation Fund
RECEIPTS:				
Taxes	151,409	343,230		
Interest	4,352	10,341	22,525	3,684
Miscellaneous	26,374	9		
Water Revenues			483,890	
Sinking Fund Deposits			465,066	
Recreation Receipts				109,739
Total Receipts	182,135	353,580	971,481	113,423
DISBURSEMENTS:				
Administrative and Operation	188,834			
Bond Principal and Interest		343,502		
Operating Expenses			633,374	115,949
Bond Interest Expense			269,133	
Total Disbursements	188,834	343,502	902,507	115,949
Net	(6,699)	10,078	68,974	(2,526)
Fund Balance October 1, 2001	154,770	296,250	(525,130)	268,381
Fund Balance September 30, 2002	148,071	306,328	(456,156)	265,855

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